

CHAPTER II.

VIOLET AND KATHERINE.

We will now introduce our readers to twin sisters, Violet and Katherine Mattox, who will take an active part in the remainder of our story. They were natives of grand old Virginia. Were born and reared on a small country farm, and the only children who ever came to bless the lives of Thomas and Mary Mattox. Their parents were noted for their honesty and pious Christian living. They also valued education, and the many sacrifices they made to enable them to put their two daughters through college were known only to themselves.

Violet and Katherine both had a talent for music. Violet took a special course in that line while in college for her vocation, while Katherine prepared herself for school teaching, but gave as much time as possible to voice culture, as she possessed a beautiful high soprano voice which her sister did not.

They worked hard to equip themselves for a life of usefulness. They had visions and dreams of the future glowing with beauty, and they put every effort forth to bring them into realization. They knew their parents' means were limited and it caused them to work the harder for success they intended to